

bp

Attachment



Faxed

March 17, 2006

Mr. Gary Starks
Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Office of Water Management
100 North Senate
Indianapolis, IN 46206-6015

RE: NPDES Permit No. IN 0000108
Exceedance of Daily Maximum Limit for Total Suspended Solids at Outfall 001

Dear Mr. Starks:

This letter serves as our written follow-up to our initial phone notification on March 15, 2006, concerning the exceedance of the daily maximum limit for total suspended solids (TSS) at Outfall 001 on March 13, 2006. We became aware of the possible non-compliance at approximately 3:30 pm (CST) on March 14, 2006 when the initial composite sample analysis was completed. The initial analysis of the composite sample showed an unusually high unexpected TSS value.

In order to verify the initial analytical result, subsequent internal lab analysis and third party analysis were completed on March 15th. When the additional analysis results were averaged with the original lab results it was verified that we had indeed exceeded our daily maximum allowable loading rate of TSS at Outfall 001. The calculated average TSS result is now 43 mg/l, the calculated loading rate is estimated at 5,846 pounds, which is above our NPDES permit limit of 5,694 pounds TSS maximum daily load.

A third party incident investigation is underway as to the cause of this unexpected exceedance. TSS values from the day before the incident and the day after were well within our compliance limits and no unusual problems were noted at our WWTP facility during this time period. No other actions were necessary at this time. Current TSS values are normal and below permitted limits.

If you have any further questions please call Mr. Richard Harris of my staff at 219-473-3321.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda J. Wilson".

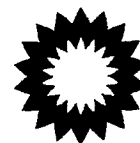
Linda J. Wilson
Environmental Superintendent
BP Whiting Refinery

BCC: L. J. Wilson

R. A. Harris

File Incidents\2006

E-file I:\environmental\Incidents\2006\031306-TSSupset



Whiting Business Unit
BP Products North America Inc.
2815 Indianapolis Blvd.
PO Box 710
Whiting, IN 46394

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

April 27, 2006

Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Office of Water Quality Management
100 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46206-6015

NPDES Permit No. 0000108, Outfalls 001, 002, 003, and 004

Please find the effluent quality data and Discharge Monitoring Report forms from the BP Products North America Inc. - Whiting Business Unit for the month of March 2006 attached.

On March 13, 2006, the daily maximum limit for total suspended solids (TSS) at Outfall 001 was exceeded. This noncompliance was reported to the IDEM Office of Water Management on March 15, 2006 as required by our permit with a phone call and a follow up faxed notification letter for the initial analytical results. Please also find attached the copy of the 5 day written follow-up documentation provided to Mr. Gary Starks dated March 17, 2006. A third party investigation is underway and near completion. All other required monitoring parameters were in compliance with our permitted outfall limits during the month of March.

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact R. A. Harris at (219) 473-3321.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Sajkowski
Business Unit Leader

Attachments